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And this encouragement did not fail him. For his sweet and attractive countenance, his modest demeanor, his gentle nature, and a native refinement which art can but poorly imitate, enlisted the good-will of all with whom he was associated. Science is the gainer when she claims him as one of her own children.

JOHN E. TYLER.

WE have to record the death of still another of our associates by that disease which has of late proved so fatal to professional and scientific men. Dr. Tyler died with pneumonia on the 9th of March last, after a very brief illness. He was born in Boston, Dec. 9, 1819, and was the second son of John E. and Hannah Parkman Tyler, of Westborough, Mass. His father, a graduate of Harvard in 1786, was educated a physician, but afterwards became engaged in business in Boston. Dr. Tyler was himself early destined to a mercantile life, and developed an aptitude for business which was of much service to him in the executive offices he was called to fill in later life. His preliminary education was begun in Westborough, and continued in Leicester and Phillips (Andover) Academies. He entered the Freshman Class of Dartmouth College in 1838, and graduated in due course and with high honors in 1842. Here Tyler gave evidence of that ready wit and humor which was always a conspicuous element in his nature, and which, added to brilliant scholarship, gave him an immense popularity in his class. He was foremost in all athletic games and sports. He was a fine musician, a singer, and an adept upon several instruments. He was also a good writer and an easy and graceful speaker. He was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa and Psi Upsilon Chapters, and president of the United Fraternity, one of the two leading literary societies of the college.

Almost immediately after his graduation from college, he went to Newport, R. I., where he entered upon the study of his chosen profession under the guidance of the late Dr. Dunn of that city. He subsequently attended a course of medical lectures at Hanover, and two sessions at the medical department of the University of Penn, in Philadelphia, at which latter institution he graduated in the spring of 1846. He also received a medical diploma at Hanover.

Dr. Tyler first entered upon the practice of his profession at Salmon Falls in New Hampshire. While there, he was sent to the State Legislature, and was soon called to take charge of the New Hampshire Asylum for the Insane at Concord, where he remained till

he was appointed to the honored post of physician and superintendent of the McLean Asylum for the Insane at Somerville, made vacant by the resignation of Dr. Bell. This was in 1858. Here he remained till the spring of 1871, when he was compelled by failing health to offer his resignation. It was during this long term of service at Somerville that Dr. Tyler showed that marked executive ability, sound judgment, knowledge, and skill which have made his name famous in this and in other countries. His official reports while at the head of the McLean Asylum have been largely quoted, and are recognized by the profession as among the ablest and best in this department of medical literature.

Dr. Tyler twice visited Europe, where he enlarged and enriched his knowledge of his favorite science, and was received by his *confrères* in the Psychological Associations of Great Britain and Ireland with marked courtesy and attention. Upon his retirement from hospital life, he took up his residence in Boston, where he soon acquired a large consulting practice in his specialty. In 1871, he was appointed to the chair of mental diseases in the medical department of Harvard University, having previously been connected with the Medical School as University lecturer on the same subject. In recent years, Dr. Tyler held several important posts in connection with our city and State commissions. He was also a trustee, under the will of the late Seth Adams, of the proposed institution for the treatment of nervous diseases. In all these official capacities, as well as in his professional and social relations, Dr. Tyler was a man of singularly pure and unblemished life. He was a devoted and successful physician, an exact scientist, a faithful and conscientious worker in the difficult and delicate sphere of duty in which for the greater part of his life he was especially called to serve.

J. P. KIRTLAND.

DR. J. P. KIRTLAND died in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 10, 1877, aged eighty-five years. He was one of the last of our older naturalists like Say, Audubon, and Henry, — men who were young when zoölogy and physics were young, and who, from an inborn love of nature and an enthusiasm for knowledge, were enabled to create methods and to make discoveries. He was born in Connecticut, and even in boyhood showed a strong taste for horticulture, so that at twelve he had a neat garden of his own, and was a skilful budder and grafter. He studied too the Linnæan system of botany, raised silk-worms, and began bee